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THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS

- 5 1. A method of restoration of hook to loop attachment materials which method includes the step of effecting a raking or scooping of the hook material with a member having a plurality of spaced apart teeth where the width of each respective tooth and the spacing apart of adjacent teeth is such that each respective tooth is adapted to pass together with the other teeth between adjacent hooks on the hook material, with each side of each tooth being
10 immediately adjacent to the stems of each of the hooks between which it passes.
2. A method as in the immediately preceding claim further characterized in that each of the teeth has a center alignment which is approximately 0.8mm from a center alignment of an adjacent tooth.
- 15 3. A method as in preceding claim 1 further characterized in that each of the teeth has a center alignment which is within the range of from 0.7mm to 0.9mm from a center alignment of an adjacent tooth.
- 20 4. A method as in the immediately preceding claim further characterized in that the distance apart between respective teeth is at least the thickness of a respective stem and the width of each respective tooth is less than the width apart of immediately adjacent stems in the material.
5. A method as in any one of the preceding claims further characterized in that at least one of the teeth has a leading edge which is of wedge shape and such that a lowermost edge is forward most.
- 25 6. A method as in any one of the preceding claims further characterized in that a front shape of each respective tooth, when viewed from above is a tapered shape.
7. A method as in any one of the preceding claims further characterized in

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that such tapered shape includes a medial forward most point with respective sides inclined away from such forward point.

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8. A method as in any one of the preceding claims further characterized in that there is a second line or set of teeth aligned and shaped and having the same general characteristics as the first line of teeth so that the raking apparatus then is characterized by having two lines of teeth en echelon.

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9. An apparatus for restoration of hook/loop attachment materials being a rake comprised of a plurality of spaced apart teeth where the width of each respective tooth and the spacing apart of adjacent teeth is such that each respective tooth is adapted to pass together with the other tooth between adjacent hooks on the hook material, with each side of each tooth being immediately adjacent to the stems of each of the hooks between which it passes.

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10. An apparatus for restoration of hook/loop attachment materials as in the immediately preceding claim further characterized in that the leading edge of such respective teeth in each case includes a lowermost narrow edge with a body of the tooth providing then a forward wedge shape.

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11. An apparatus for restoration of hook/loop attachment materials as in the immediately preceding claim further characterized in that the leading edge of each respective tooth is tapered both when viewed from a side and when viewed in plan.

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12. An apparatus for restoration of hook/loop attachment materials as in the immediately preceding claim further characterized in that there are at least two sets of such teeth held so that they will then define between respective teeth the width of a respective stem of the hook material, and where each of the teeth is of a width that will pass between respective stems.

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13. An apparatus for restoration of hook/loop attachment materials as in claims 9 -12 further characterized in that the rake is formed from plastics material and is such that the slot between respective teeth has a length that is relatively short so as to provide significant strength to each forwardly projecting portion of each tooth.

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14. Hook attachment material when restored as a result of the method of any one of the preceding method claims.